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SUBJ: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: WORKING GROUP SESSIONS

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1. AFTERNOON OF MAY 6 PROFITABLY COMPLETED FIRST PHASE OF GENERAL GIVE-AND-TAKE ANALYSIS OF ENTIRE GREEK DRAFT, DESIGNED TO EXPOSE POSITIONS ON EACH SIDE WHERE TEXTS DIFFER.

2. ATMOSPHERE REFLECTED PRIVATE REMARKS BY GREEK WORKING GROUP HEAD (CAROKIS) MADE BEFORE SESSION BEGAN. HE TOLD US HIS SUPERIOR CALAGORAS SEEMED MOLLIFIED BY CAROKIS' REPORT TO HIM ON EARLIER WORKING GROUP SESSIONS DURING WHICH US SHOWED FLEXIBILITY AND UNDERSTANDING OF GREEK NEED FOR EXTENSIVE

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SIMILARITY TO LANGUAGE OF TURKISH MODEL, PURELY FOR SIMI-

LARITY'S SAKE. IT ALSO HAS BECOME APPARENT DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS THAT WE HAVE CONVINCED GREEKS THAT SOME OF THEIR DRAFTING IS INACCURATE AND INCONSISTENT.

3. GREEK REPS INDICATED PRIVATELY AND DURING SESSION THAT WHEN WORKING GROUPE BEGAN MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF TEXTS AND NEGOTIATION OF WORDING CHANGES, THEY WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO PROPOSE SOME CHANGES DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE VALID US CONCERNS. COMMENT: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY POSITIVE GREEK ATTITUDE AT WORKING GROUP LEVEL. IN GENERAL, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AT GOOD PACE BY GREEK STANDARDS, CONSCIOUS OF URGENCY OF ARRIVING AT AGREED TEXT EARLIEST. STEARNS

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